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1. Claims: 1-10.41-47.51-57 all partially

Polynucleotide sequence encoding corn arginyl-tRNA synthetase as represented by SEQ ID NOS:1 and 2 or encoding sequences with at least 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:2.polypeptides with at least 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:2.expression cassettes.host cells and positive selection methods based on said sequences, methods for selecting and obtaining aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases and evaluating compounds for the ability to inhibit aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases based on said sequences and also SEQ ID NOS:23 and 24.polynucleotides comprising at least 30 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID NOS:1 or 23

2. Claims: 1-10.41-47,51-57 all partially

Polynucleotide sequence encoding rice arginyl-tRNA synthetase as represented by SEQ ID NOS:3 and 4 or encoding sequences with at least 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:4,polypeptides with at least 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:4,expression cassettes,host cells and positive selection methods based on said sequences,methods for selecting and obtaining aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases and evaluating compounds for the ability to inhibit aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases based on said sequences and also SEQ ID NOS:25 and 26,polynucleotides comprising at least 30 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID NOS:3 or 25

3. Claims: 1-10,41-47,51-57 all partially

Polynucleotide sequence encoding soybean arginyl-tRNA synthetase as represented by SEQ ID NOS:5 and 6 or encoding sequences with at least 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:6, polypeptides with at least 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:6, expression cassettes, host cells and positive selection methods based on said sequences, methods for selecting and obtaining aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases and evaluating compounds for the ability to inhibit aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases based on said sequences and also SEQ ID NOS:27 and 28, polynucleotides comprising at least 30 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID NOS:5 or 27

4. Claims: 1-10.41-47.51-57 all partially

Polynucleotide sequence encoding wheat arginyl-tRNA synthetase as represented by SEQ ID NOS:7 and 8 or encoding sequences with at least 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:8, polypeptides with at least 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:8, expression cassettes. host cells and positive selection

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methods based on said sequences.methods for selecting and obtaining aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases and evaluating compounds for the ability to inhibit aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases based on said sequences and also SEQ ID NOS:29 and 30.polynucleotides comprising at least 30 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID NOS:7 or 29

5. Claims: 11-20.41-46.48,51-57 all partially

Polynucleotide sequence encoding corn glutamyl-tRNA synthetase as represented by SEQ ID NOS:9 and 10 or encoding sequences with at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO:10.polypeptides with at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO:10.expression cassettes,host cells and positive selection methods based on said sequences,methods for selecting and obtaining aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases and evaluating compounds for the ability to inhibit aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases based on said sequences,polynucleotides comprising at least 30 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID NOS:9

6. Claims: 11-20,41-46,48,51-57 all partially

Polynucleotide sequence encoding rice glutamy1-tRNA synthetase as represented by SEQ ID NOS:11 and 12 or encoding sequences with at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO:12,polypeptides with at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO:12,expression cassettes,host cells and positive selection methods based on said sequences,methods for selecting and obtaining aminoacy1-tRNA synthetases and evaluating compounds for the ability to inhibit aminoacy1-tRNA synthetases based on said sequences and also SEQ ID NOS:31 and 32,polynucleotides comprising at least 30 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID NOS:11 and 31

7. Claims: 11-20.41-46.48.51-57 all partially

Polynucleotide sequence encoding soybean glutamyl-tRNA synthetase as represented by SEQ ID NOS:13 and 14 or encoding sequences with at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO:14,polypeptides with at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO:14,expression cassettes,host cells and positive selection methods based on said sequences,methods for selecting and obtaining aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases and evaluating compounds for the ability to inhibit aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases based on said sequences and also SEQ ID NOS:33 and 34,polynucleotides comprising at least 30 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID NOS:13 and 33

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#### 9. Claims: 31-46.50-57 all partially

Polynucleotide sequence encoding corn histidyl-tRNA synthetase as represented by SEQ ID NOS:17 and 18 or encoding sequences with at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO:18, polypeptides with at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO:18, expression cassettes, host cells and positive selection methods based on said sequences, methods for selecting and obtaining aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases and evaluating compounds for the ability to inhibit aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases based on said sequences, polynucleotides comprising at least 30 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:17.

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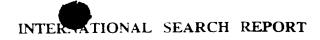
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#### 11. Claims: 31-46,50-57 all partially

Polynucleotide sequence encoding wheat histidyl-tRNA synthetase as represented by SEQ ID NOS:21 and 22 or encoding sequences with at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO:22,polypeptides with at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO:22.expression cassettes,host cells and positive selection methods based on said sequences,methods for selecting and obtaining aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases and evaluating compounds for the ability to inhibit aminoacyl-tRNA

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